



AGRICULTURE in MONTANA Schools

7-11 GRADE ESSAY CONTEST - 2010

In recognition of **AG WEEK**, March 14-20, 2010, Agriculture in Montana Schools (AMS) will again be bringing the **AMS ESSAY CONTEST** to Montana's young people in grades 7-11. Winners of the state essay contest will attend the **AMS CAREERS AWARENESS WORKSHOP** held on campus at Montana State University-Bozeman in June 2010. Those attending the expense-paid workshop will participate in both hands-on and classroom activities designed by MSU professors to give the students an opportunity to look at some of the many agri-science and ag-related careers available to them in today's job market. It will emphasize how agri-science contributes to the growth of Montana, our nation and the world. Grantors for the Careers Awareness Workshop are the Peter Nelson Foundation and the Cenex Harvest States Foundation.

THEME:

Can We Live Without Agriculture?

RULES:

1. Essays shall be at least 200 words but no more than 500 words.
2. The cover page will include: Student's name, age, grade and signature, name of school, school phone number, teacher's name and county.
3. **THE FINAL PAGE MUST INCLUDE A LIST OF INFORMATION SOURCES.** This is considered a research project and must have source or sources for your information.
4. Essay must be postmarked no later than **Feb. 5, 2010. Entries received after this date will not be judged!**
5. Essays will be judged on:
 - Correct use of language, spelling and punctuation 20%
 - Content of information 30%
 - Originality of thought 10%
 - Clarity of expression 20%
 - Composition, neatness and legibility 20%
6. Essay contest state winners from previous years **who attended** the Careers Awareness Workshop are not eligible to win in this year's contest.
7. All essays become the property of AMS and may be reproduced.
8. AMS assumes no responsibility for any of the opinions expressed in any essay, and such opinions may not be assumed to be a policy of AMS.

Asking your students to write this essay may be a way in which you, as a teacher, can encourage your students to participate in this awareness of agriculture in the growth and the economy of Montana, the world and our lives.

AMS ESSAY CONTEST CHECKLIST

- ☐ 1. My essay is at least 200 words, but no more than 500 words.
- ☐ 2. My cover page includes: My name, age, grade and signature, name of school, school phone number, teacher's name and county.
- ☐ 3. My final page includes a list of information sources!
- ☐ 4. My essay will be postmarked no later than Feb. 5, 2010.

*Thank you for writing
and submitting your essay!*

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